GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rehabilitation Centres functioning for the mentally disabled at present in the country, particularly for women, States/UT-wise;

(b) the details of Rehabilitation Schemes introduced by the Government for the mentally disabled people in the last five years;

(c) the State-wise implementation status of the various schemes introduced by the Government in this regard;

(d) the details of grants provided to such centres during each of the last three years and current year alongwith the number of beneficiaries, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the functioning of such centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement to be laid on the Table of the House in answer to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.175 for 23-08-2007 asked by Shri P. Karunakaran, Member of Parliament regarding Rehabilitation Centres for the Mentally Disabled persons.

(a) to (e): At present financial assistance for rehabilitation of persons with mental disabilities, including women, is provided to voluntary agencies for 276 projects under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme and 79 projects under the Samarth Scheme of the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability. State/UT-wise details of the number of projects are at Annex I.

Three rehabilitation schemes for mentally disabled people were introduced in the last five years by the National Trust. The details are as below:

(i) State Nodal Agency Centre Scheme covering 25 States and 1 UT, to provide information, support and training to various stakeholders.

(ii) Community Based Caregivers Training Scheme covering 26 States and 2 Uts , to provide training to caregivers of the mentally disabled.

(iii) The Samarth Scheme, introduced in 2005-06, to provide funding to rehabilitation centres run by voluntary organisations across the country.

The State/UT-Wise details of such centres under the Samarth Scheme,indicating grants- in-aid provided in the years 2005-06,2006-07 and 2007-08, and the number of beneficiaries, are provided at Annex II.

To improve the functioning of such centres, a system of regular monitoring through inspection and review of project implementation is in place.